

191—97.4(508) Asset accounting. Insurance companies may elect to account for eligible derivative assets at amortized cost, if the insurance company can demonstrate that such eligible derivative assets meet all of the following criteria for an economic hedge:

97.4(1) At inception of the hedge, or as of the date that an insurance company elects to use the accounting practices prescribed by this chapter if later, there must be formal documentation of the economic hedging relationship and the insurance company's risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the economic hedge, including identification of the specific eligible derivative assets purchased to hedge indexed products, the nature of the particular risk being hedged, and how the eligible derivative assets' effectiveness will be assessed, retrospectively and prospectively, on a qualitative basis.

97.4(2) At inception of the hedge, or as of the date that an insurance company elects to use the accounting practices prescribed by this chapter if later, and at the end of each quarterly reporting period thereafter, the insurance company must maintain documentation that the economic hedge is expected to be and continues to be highly effective as defined by the criteria in 97.4(1) in achieving offsetting changes in fair value attributable to the hedged risk during the period that the economic hedge is designated.

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